

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 29, 2004, restriction was required to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 8-10 and 20, drawn to a postal sorting case assembly, classified in class 312, subclass 117;
- II. Claims 11-15, 17 and 18, drawn to a multibag, classified in class 211, subclass 12; and
- III. Claims 21-24, drawn to a mail delivery system, classified in class 209, subclass 702.

The Office Action noted that the application contains claims to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- (a) Figures 2 and 3
- (b) Figures 5-13;
- (c) Figure 14;
- (d) Figures 17-22; and
- (e) Figures 23-31.

The Office Action further noted that if species (c) is elected, applicant must further elect one of the following subspecies: (i) Figure 4; and (ii) Figures 15 and 16.

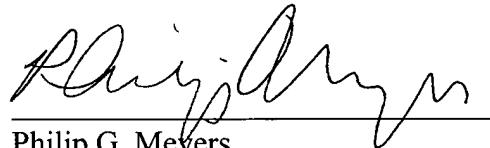
Applicant elects to pursue the claims of Group III in this application, without traverse. Claims 8-15, 17, 18, 20 and 24 are herewith canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional or continuing application drawn to the same or similar subject matter. Applicant has added new claims 25-34. Claims 21-23 and 25-34 are pending in the application.

With respect to the restriction of species, applicant elects the species (c) Figure 14 and the

subspecies of Figures 15-16. However, Figure 14 is a mail sorting station as claimed in new claim 30, whereas Figures 4, 15, and 16 are mail delivery systems of the type claimed in claim 21. In the event the examiner decides to redefine the species, the species of Figures 15 and 16 is elected and takes priority over Figure 14. All claims now pending read on the elected species (Figures 15, 16) except for claims 28 and 29.

It is believed that no additional fees are due. However, if this is incorrect, please charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1588.

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